# Excel Basics: Definitions, Uses & Formulas

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### What is Excel?

- Excel is a spreadsheet software developed by Microsoft.
- Used for storing, organizing, and analyzing data
- Provides rows & columns to manage information
- Widely used in business, finance, education, and data analysis

# Uses of Excel

- Excel is used for:
  - Data entry and management
  - Budgeting and financial analysis
  - Charts and data visualization
  - Mathematical and statistical analysis
  - Business reporting and dashboards

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# Basic Excel Formulas

- Some commonly used formulas/functions:
  - ► SUM(A1:A5)  $\rightarrow$  Adds numbers in A1 to A5
  - ► AVERAGE(B1:B10) → Finds average value
  - $\blacktriangleright$  MAX(C1:C8)  $\rightarrow$  Returns largest number
  - $\blacktriangleright$  MIN(C1:C8)  $\rightarrow$  Returns smallest number
  - ► IF(D1>50, "Pass", "Fail") → Conditional result
  - VLOOKUP(ID, Table, Col, FALSE) → Finds value in a table
  - ► CONCAT( $\overline{A1}$ ,  $\overline{B1}$ )  $\rightarrow$  Joins text from two cells

## Conclusion

- Excel is a powerful tool for data handling and analysis.
- Learning formulas and features can improve productivity,
- help make better decisions, and save time.